

1 **BOARD BILL NO. 241** **INTRODUCED BY CHARLES QUINCY TROUPE**

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3 An ordinance prohibiting the issuance of any package liquor license for any non-licensed
4 premises within the boundaries of the First Ward Liquor Control District, as established
5 herein, for a period of three years from the effective date hereof; containing exceptions
6 and allowing, during the moratorium period, for the transfer of existing licenses, under
7 certain circumstances; and containing an emergency clause.

8 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

9 **SECTION ONE. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

10 The existence of alcoholic beverage establishments appears to contribute directly to
11 numerous peace, health, safety and general welfare problems including loitering,
12 littering, drug trafficking, prostitution, public drunkenness, defacement and damaging of
13 structures, pedestrian obstructions, as well as traffic circulation, parking and noise
14 problems on public streets and neighborhood lots. The existence of such problems creates
15 serious impacts on the health, safety and welfare of residents of single- and multiple-
16 family within the district, including fear for the safety of children, elderly residents and
17 of visitors to the district. The problems also contribute to the deterioration of the
18 neighborhood and concomitant devaluation of property and destruction of community
19 values and quality of life. The number of establishments selling alcoholic beverages and
20 the associated problems discourage more desirable and needed commercial uses in the
21 area. In order to preserve the residential character and the neighborhood-serving
22 commercial uses of the area, there shall be a moratorium on the issuance of new liquor
23 licenses within the area beginning at the intersection of the centerlines as follows:

1 Beginning at the intersection of the centerlines of N. Euclid Ave. and
2 Northland Ave. and proceeding along the centerlines in a generally clockwise direction
3 west to Union Blvd., south to Northland Pl., west to Arlington Ave., north to Lexington
4 Ave., east and continuing in a straight line to Union Blvd., north to Natural Bridge Ave.,
5 east to N. Kingshighway Memorial Blvd., north to Interstate 70, west to Alcott Ave.,
6 northeast to Thekla Ave., northwest to Beacon Ave., northeast to Harney Ave., southeast
7 to Alcott Ave., northeast to West Florissant Ave., southeast to Shreve Ave., southwest to
8 Ashland Ave., west to N. Euclid Ave., south to the point of the beginning,

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10 shall be known as the First Ward Liquor Control District.

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12 **SECTION TWO.** The Excise Commissioner shall not, for a period of three years,
13 beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, approve the issuance of a package
14 liquor license for any premises which is located within the boundaries of the First Ward
15 Liquor Control District established in Section One of this ordinance.

16 **SECTION THREE.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section Two of this Ordinance,
17 the Excise Commissioner shall have authority to:

18 (1) Approve transfer of an existing license to another premises within the petition circle
19 of the currently licensed premises, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (B) of section
20 14.06.330 of Ordinance 61289; and

21 (2) Issue a drink license for premises, not licensed as of the effective date of this
22 Ordinance, which currently is or will be, upon opening, operated as a restaurant, as such
23 term is defined in section 14.01.390 of Ordinance 61289.

24 (3) Approve the renewal of an existing license under the provisions of Section 14.08.090
25 of Ordinance 62656

26 **SECTION FOUR. LICENSE COLLECTOR.** The License Collector shall not, for a
27 period of three years, beginning as of the effective date of this Ordinance, grant a license

1 for the issuance of a package liquor license for any premises which is located within the
2 boundaries of the First Ward Liquor Control District established in Section One of this
3 ordinance.

4 **SECTION FIVE. EMERGENCY CLAUSE.**

5 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health and safety, it is
6 hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20
7 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore this ordinance shall
8 become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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